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A hot, bright day at last. We stayed at Versailles.

Tommy telephoned to say he was sending me by Art Hartman a memorandum giving some pessimistic news. When I read it I thought his description not unjustified. It seems that Spaak's activities in seeking to make the EDC dose more palatable to the French Parliament have been construed by Mendès to mean that the Benelux countries and the Federal Republic will accept almost any compromise, even including one requiring reference to their Parliaments, in order to get a German military contribution adopted in France. This, I feel sure, is a misconstruction of what Spaak intended, and as soon as de Staercke returns from Italy, where he went today, we will have to consider measures to dissipate this cloud.

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